

Catamount Spirit

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Building Greatness Update

Potomac State College is proud to announce that the Building Greatness: Campaign West Virginia University goal was exceeded by nearly 40%! The original goal of \$1,500,000 was surpassed by \$1,364,065, bringing the total raised to \$2,364,065. This campaign, the largest ever on behalf of Potomac State College, is a testament to the power of private giving. Through the efforts of the campaign new scholarships were added, programs enhanced, athletic facilities upgraded and the campus improved. As we move ahead we thank all those who participated.



Platform guests for the 101st Commencement Ceremony this past spring included from left: Jennings Stickley, President of the Alumni Association; Cheryl Torsney, WVU Associate Provost of Academic Programs; Alumnus Reginald Cooper, M.D., Guest Speaker; Thelma O'Connor, Honorary Degree Recipient; Dr. Kerry Odell, Interim President; Erika Alt, 2004 Outstanding Student Award Recipient; Jack Canfield, Chair of PSC's Board of Advisors; and Douglas Wilmes, Dean for Curriculum and Instruction.

Alumni Achievement Award Recipients



Dr. Michael Gustafson (class of '83), a graduate of West Virginia University School of Medicine and Harvard Business School, is currently the Vice President of Clinical Excellence at Brigham and Women's/ Faulkner Hospitals in Boston, Massachusetts.



Jim Mancuso (class of '61), graduated from Columbia College and also studied at The Pasadena Playhouse. He has worked as a free-lance director, an associate director, and as a stage manager at NBC in Burbank, California. Though he is currently retired, Mancuso still takes on projects from time to time.



William F. Kennedy, a 1962 graduate of Potomac State College of WVU, is a former financial advisor who spent 37 years on Wall Street. Kennedy worked for Paine Webber where he continues to serve as an advisor to their management training program, 'The William F. Kennedy Leadership and Development Program' and as a consultant to the UBS Paine Webber.

Distinguished Service Award



Linda (Gardner) Hicks (class of '69) served on the Potomac State College (PSC) Board of Visitors, and Alumni Board. She currently serves on the PSC Board of Advisors, and also serves on the PSC/WVU Transition Steering Committee. Hicks is the Executive Assistant to the President at WV Wesleyan College.

Dear Alumni and Friends of Potomac State College,

As Potomac State College approaches its 103rd year of providing a high quality education to students in a friendly, culturally diverse environment, let me take a few moments to mention some of the initiatives taking place on our campus. As was the case when you were a student, our faculty and staff continue to take the college's mission seriously. They work hard to promote the total development of the individual student.

We are currently in the midst of a legislatively mandated integration with West Virginia University. When the process is complete, not only will Potomac State College continue to deliver strong associate degree programs but also it will add selected baccalaureate degree programs. Another benefit of the integration will be the administrative and financial efficiencies gained by sharing resources and consolidating services.

There are many exciting projects in store for our future including the renovation and transformation of the current library into an Information Technology Center. A new residence hall is in the preliminary planning stages and our agriculture facilities are being renovated and enhanced to better accommodate our equine program and other expansion in our livestock enterprises. This past year we renovated the lower level of the Student Union and this summer will renovate the upper level. It is an exciting time on campus and we look forward to the many benefits that these new facilities will offer our students.

Potomac State College has always benefited from its many loyal and devoted alumni. We are proud of the accomplishments of our alumni and look to you for your continued support and encouragement. Please let us know what you have been doing. Make plans now to join us this October for Homecoming 2004. We'd love to show you the positive changes that have taken place on campus and I'm sure you will find that the campus has retained the caring, positive atmosphere it had when you were a student here.

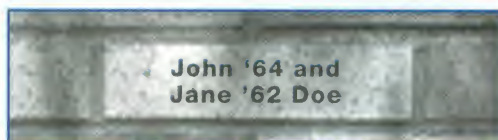
Best wishes,

Kerry S. Odell



Kerry S. Odell, Ph.D.
Interim President

Building History



After 35 years without a new building, plans are underway to renovate and expand the existing library. Private support will be so important in making this library a true educational resource for many future generations of students. You may think one person can't make this happen, but together we can make a difference.

This fall, we invite you to participate in Building History for Potomac State College. Your gift of \$250 will enable us to complete a facility that will prepare the next generation of Potomac State students. In exchange you will receive a brick that will be used to construct a permanent structure in the new library facility. Your brick will be engraved with your name and graduation year (if applicable), and will always be there to remind students that good things can come by working together.

If you'd like other options for supporting this project, please call Joy at (304)788-6895.

Military Notes:

If you are a Potomac State alumna/ alumnus and have served in the military, or are currently serving, please send us a picture along with a brief description of your rank and where you have or are currently serving. This information can be mailed to the Alumni Office in care of Libby Nichols, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726. You can also e-mail her at lnichols@mail.wvu.edu. We will proudly display this during our Homecoming Weekend, October 2, 2004.

Alumni Directory Available:



Our new alumni directory, produced by the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, is wonderful. If you would like to purchase a directory or did not receive your copy, please contact the Harris Customer Service Department by calling 1-800-877-6554.

For Further Info:

For an update on births, marriages, memorials, and class notes, visit our Web site at www.potomacstatecollege.edu

Donations Welcomed:

The Potomac State College of WV Alumni Association is self-sustaining. At this time we are not asking for dues but accept and depend on donations. If you can help, please send your tax deductible donation in care of:

Alumni Office
101 Fort Avenue
Keyser, WV 26726

Thank you!

HOME COMING 2004

Theme: Marching On

Friday, October 1

6 p.m.

Early 50's Get Together at Fore Sisters Golf Course, located in Rawlings, MD, on Rt. 220 between Cumberland, MD, and Keyser, WV.

Cost: \$21.50 per person, which includes a buffet dinner, drink, and gratuity. Please make your check payable to Fore Sisters Golf Course and mail it to the Potomac State College Alumni Office, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726. (Reservations are required) A cash bar will also be available.

Deadline: Friday, September 24, 2004 - Refunds will be given up to 24 hours prior to the dinner.

For more information contact: Pat Hovis - (304) 788-4065 or phovis@mail2gcnet.net

Saturday, October 2

Golf Outing at Fore Sisters Golf Course located at Rawlings, MD. The shotgun start will begin at 9 a.m. Cost is \$45 per person, which includes the cart, lunch, drinks, and prizes. Teams will consist of 4-player scramble best-ball format. You do not have to be a PSC graduate to participate. Please call the PSC Alumni Office to reserve a spot.

Welcome and Coffee Hour - Student Union

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This is a great time to informally renew friendships over coffee, view pictures of bygone years, and reminisce about those Potomac State years.

Anniversary Brunch - President's House

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The classes of 1954, 1979, and 1994 are invited to the President's House for a brunch. Come visit former classmates and meet our interim president, Dr. Kerry Odell. Transportation will be provided from the Student Union beginning at 10:45 a.m.

A donation of \$10 per person is requested to help defray rising costs. Please make your check payable to the PSC Alumni Association and mail it to the Potomac State College Alumni Office, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726. Reservations are requested by calling the Alumni Office at 1-800-262-7332 or (304) 788-6870.

Campus Tour - Student Union

If you are interested in seeing what's new on campus, come to the Student Union at either 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Our student leaders will be glad to show you around.

Lunch

Everyone is invited to have lunch in the Potomac Café, located in Davis Hall, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Cost: \$6.25 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Afternoon Visit

The lower level of the Student Union will be open in the afternoon as a convenient place to visit with friends.

Awards Banquet - Lough Gymnasium

Social Hour 5 p.m. and Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (Reservations Required)

This year we will be honoring Michael Gustafson, William Kennedy, and Jim Mancuso as Alumni Achievement recipients. Linda Hicks has been chosen to receive the Distinguished Service Award.

Cost: \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Please mail your check, along with your reservation, to the attention of Libby Nichols, Alumni Office, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726.



Two very special guests attended the Homecoming 2003 Banquet. Drs. Jack Alexander. She is better known to many as Dr. Betty Atwater.

Free Concert - Church McKee Arts Center

7:30 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT'S OWN - Marine Band with PSC alumnus Kevin Benneer '92 as the baritone vocalist and moderator. For tickets, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Michele Newbanks, Mineral Daily News Tribune, 24 Armstrong Street, Keyser, WV 26726, after September 2. There is a limit of 4 tickets per request.

Sunday, October 3

Brunch-Potomac Cafe

10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$6.25 - children 12 and under \$3

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Nichols at 1-800-262-7332, (304) 788-6870, or lnnichols@mail.wvu.edu

Lodging

Keyser (304)

Candlewyck Inn, S. Mineral Street
788-6594
Keyser Inn, Rt. 220 South
788-0913
The Pines Motel, Rt. 220 South
788-2826

Romney (304)

Eastern Motor Lodge, 496 E. Main St.
822-3545

LaVale (301)

Continental Motor Inn, Nat'l Highway
729-2201
Best Western Braddock Motor Inn
729-3300
Super 8 Motel, Nat'l Highway
729-6265

Cumberland (301)

Diplomat Motel, Rt. 220 North
729-2311
Holiday Inn, S. George St.
729-8800

Frostburg (301)

Comfort Inn
689-2050

From the desk of our Athletic Director Shawn White

This past year (2003-2004) was very successful for the Potomac State College of WVU Athletic Department:

- The Men's and Women's Soccer teams were very successful with the Women making their first ever appearance in the Region XX Tournament;
- Our Volleyball team became regular season co-champions and were runner-up in the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference (WPCC) Conference Tournament;
- The Women's Basketball team won the WPCC Conference Championship and made it to the semi-finals in the regional tournament. They also ranked in the top twenty in the country all season long;
- Our Men's Basketball team won the region for the first time in 25 years;
- The Women's Softball team won the WPCC Conference Championship and made it to the semi-finals in the region tournament;
- Golf had their best season ever by winning the WPCC Conference and the Region XX Championships and making the trip to the National Tournament in Phoenix finishing 12th in the country;
- To finish off the year, the Baseball Team won the Region XX Championship, the Eastern District Championship, and made their first trip ever to Grand Junction, Colorado, for the NJCAA Division I College World Series.

Our coaches had very successful seasons as well with the Men's Soccer, Men's Basketball, Golf, and Baseball coaches all winning the region "Coach of the Year" in their respective sports. In the conference, our Women's Basketball, Golf, and Softball coaches all won "Coach of the Year" honors.

We're very proud of our students and coaches.

Shawn



C. Edwin Jordan Scholarship recipient Amber Kerns visits donor Margaret "Peg" Reeves, '31



PSC Alumni Association sponsors an Ice Cream Social during finals week



2004 Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees from left to right: Dr. Kerry Odell, Interim President; Larry Bolyard, Robert Eaton, Jerry Kelican, and Shawn White, PSC Athletic Director

Have you considered adding Potomac State College to your estate plan? To learn more about the advantages, please call Joy Eggleston (304)788-6895.